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Honorable Lester Snow  
Executive Director  
Department of Water Resources  
901 "P" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Support of DWR and SWRCB Additional Funding Request

Dear Mr. Snow:

**On behalf of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, I am writing to strongly support the recommendations made by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff for the funding of additional projects under the first funding cycle of State Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Implementation Grant program.** These recommendations were presented by DWR and the SWRCB at their January 23<sup>rd</sup> and January 30<sup>th</sup> 2007 workshops held in Northern and Southern California.

We believe the recommendations for increased first round funding is based on the best interests of the State. The recommended Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMPs) and priority projects are qualified and are ready to be implemented. Funding these additional IRWMPs will effectively leverage local funds that are available to implement these projects now, and will recognize the significant effort and expense associated with preparing meritorious grant applications through the two-step grant application process as well as addresses concerns regarding the north-south funding split.

Beyond any other region in the state, the rapidly growing population and development in the Santa Ana Watershed has placed increased strains upon critical water infrastructure to serve water demands. The projects included in the SAWPA grant application will help to address these needs to assure regional water reliability and drought protection as well as reduce the need for future imported water supplies from Northern California. In addition, the use of the integrated regional management approach (which was originally spearheaded by SAWPA) means that multiple benefits to water supply, water quality improvement and environmental restoration will accrue to the region and the state.

As a stakeholder in and a strong supporter of the Santa Ana IRWMP and the priority projects for the region included in its Proposition 50, Chapter 8 IRWMP grant application, **we support the joint findings of DWR and SWRCB staff that the Santa Ana IRWMP merits Proposition 50 funding and is ready to be implemented.** We respectfully request that the SWRCB approve the staff recommendation for the funding of the Santa Ana IRWMP and the other Step 2 Grant Applicants additional projects under the first funding cycle of State Proposition 50, Chapter 8.

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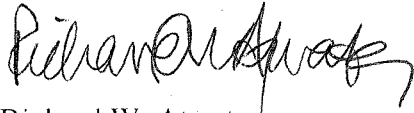
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Sincerely,  
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